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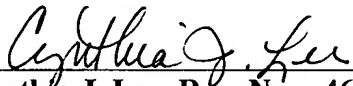
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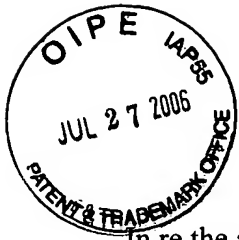
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	A	5,776,711	7/7/98	Vyas, et al.	435	7.25	
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	B	2001/046452 A1	11/29/01	Roback, et al.			
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	C	Supplementary European Search Report, mailed June 7, 2006 in European Patent Application No. 04756077.6-2402, based on PCT/US2004/020380, filed June 24, 2006, which claims priority to instant application Serial No. 10/602,981.					
	D	Roback, John D. et al, "Improved Method for Fluorescence Cytometric Immunohematology Testing", Transfusion vol. 44, no. 2, February 2004, pages 187-196					
	E	Roback, John D. et al. "An Automatable Format for Accurate Immunohematology Testing by Flow Cytometry", Transfusion, vol. 43, no. 7, July 2003, pages 918-927					
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